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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116
AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.114**

Sir:

This paper is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116 in response to an Office Action, dated August 23, 2006, in which the Examiner made a final rejection of the claims in the above-identified application.

This paper and the accompanying Declaration of Uwe Oelmüller Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.132 comprise Applicants' submission for a Request for Continued Examination Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114, filed concurrently herewith, along with the fee according to 37 CFR § 1.17(e).

This paper is also filed with a petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) along with the appropriate fee according to 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1).

To avoid abandonment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee required for this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

Applicants' **Remarks** follow on page 2.